

U3A PEGASUS GARDENING GROUP

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Greetings everyone.

JULY meeting

Our July meeting was a Tips & Cuttings meeting held at Adrienne Pavelka's house situated on one of the hills above Lyttelton. Unfortunately the weather was inclement with the mist coming down as far as the house and the rain coming in bursts so an exploration of Adrienne's terraced and pathed garden was not possible. However Adrienne's wood burner ensured we were warm and cosy inside. Adrienne is an artist and a visit to her downstairs studio gave us a chance to see her paintings. Back upstairs we were entertained by two quizzes that made us stretch our brains with not only general knowledge questions but horticultural and botanical questions.

Some of the questions:

common vegetable we cook with that have two names – do they mean cavolo nero and broad beans

or do they mean eggplant/aubergine and courgette/zucchini ???

Name a popular early NZ garden

A 5 letter flower grown in China since 1000BC popular in NZ

And so it went on in our teams of two ...

Laughter was very much in evidence and it was a great way to spend an afternoon. Thank you to Adrienne and Lynne for organising.

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NOTE TIME IS 1PM NOT 1.30PM

On 28 August at 1.00pm we will have Claire Maetzig from Moon River Flowers talk to us about her business.

"Moon River offers bouquets to order via its website and will pick flowers fresh for your order. I deliver flowers in Christchurch city and its outer suburbs.

Moon River Flowers are grown in the heart of Christchurch City on leased Red Zone land - it doesn't get more local than this!

I grow 'slow flowers' – field grown flowers that bloom in harmony with the seasons – which means what I have on offer is always fresh and exciting.

Moon River flowers are natural, beautifully scented and have a whimsical cottage garden aesthetic."

On selected dates Moon River will be open to the public for 'pick your own' experiences. Seasonal workshops are also offered for flower lovers to expand their floral design skills.

Programme update

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| 25 Sept | T&C – Pat Pilkington |
| 23 Oct | Visit to Willow Springs, 25 Quaid's Road, Marshlands
NB this is Labour Day so may need to move our meeting day to following
Monday 30 October |
| 27 Nov | Christmas Lunch – Chateau on the Park |

U3A Website

Our newsletters are available on the website <https://u3apegasus.org.nz/garden-group/>

Regards

Lyn

on behalf of the Steering Committee